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Secretary Regan,

Please stand up for Environmental Justice, and protect North Carolina's streams, wetlands, and rivers. Deny the Atlantic Coast Pipeline's 401 water permit.

I have been very impressed at all the meetings and hearings where I have seen your presence. It is wonderful that the current DEQ has taken part in community meetings and hearings around North Carolina. However, now we need you to speak up and act. There is no way that the ACP can be built and not have a devastating and very significant long-term, damaging effect on NC's waters.

Your department has done an outstanding and very commendable job of insisting on answers to the major gaps in the 401 permit issues and the lack of information that FERC has provided. You have enough factual information to issue a complete denial of the 401 permit.

However - if you are even considering granting the permit - then please allow for additional hearings to allow further input from the public before making your decision. There are important wetland, economic, and justice issues that need further review to incorporate new information from Duke, FERC, Dominion, and from recent pipeline accidents and spills that clearly show that the pipeline is not needed and cannot be built safely.

Please, deny the Atlantic Coast Pipeline's permits. Protect the communities, the farmland, the families, the global climate, and all of North Carolina's wetlands. Have your Department of Environmental Quality do more than just listen to the people., and then ignore them and ignore all the realities of pipeline damages.

Thank you - the people of North Carolina are depending on you.

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